THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various ICAR Institutes and State Agricultural Universities located in different agro-ecological zones of the country including hilly, coastal and rainfed eco-system will study impacts of climate change on agriculture and mitigation strategies to devise suitable measures.

Competition in Export Market

5119. DR. AKHILESH DAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether in view of the challenge from the Agricultural Exporting giants under the WTO regime, Government have drawn out any strategy to help Indian farmers and plants to effectively compete in the World Export Market;

(b) if so, the details of the strategy; and

(c) the steps taken being/are taken in pursuance thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) to (c) Export of agricultural products is continually reviewed on an on-going basis by the Government through its agencies. The Government provides a variety of incentives in the form of financial and other assistance through its agencies such as Commodity Boards, Authorities etc. for infrastructure development, modern packaging units, quality and quality control, market development and creation of Agri Export Zones (AEZs) to promote agricultural export in the world market.

Announcing MSP of Crops before Sowing

5120. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to announce policy of Minimum Support Price of gins prior to sowing of crops by farmers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV) : (a) At present there is no proposal under consideration to announce the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of gins.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government already announces the MSPs of 25 major agricultural commodities.